



# St John's Newsletter

*Learning, Loving and Laughing Together*



**This week in worship...** We were joined on Monday by the Rising Generations team from Basingstoke Church. They introduced this half term's theme, The Lord's Prayer. They help us to think about what it means to pray and all the different ways we can talk to God about our lives. For the remainder of the half term, we will be studying the Lord's Prayer and learning what each part means.



**Introducing our Governors...** Our Governors are a group of volunteers who are integral to supporting and challenging the leadership team of the school in achieving our vision of providing an 'excellent education' for all. Over the next couple of weeks, we are going to introduce the different members of this fantastic team.

**Geoff Knappett – Foundation Governor and Chair**



Geoff joined the governing body in December 2017 as a foundation governor and became Chair in September 2018. He was previously Chair of Newbury College Corporation and Churchwarden at All Hallows Church, Whitchurch.

Before retirement, Geoff was a Building Society Director and a Chartered Mathematician. He holds a Master's degree in Management Learning and a Postgraduate Certificate in Strategic Leadership.

Outside of his professional commitments, Geoff enjoys watching Southampton attempt to play football, designing and maintaining websites, playing the saxophone (with enthusiasm rather than skill), and driving. He was previously a volunteer driver for Thames Valley Police.

Geoff's granddaughter currently attends St John's and his grandson has moved on to Brighton Hill. He is often on pick-up or drop-off duty.

**Cate Walton – Foundation Governor and Vice-Chair**



Cate joined the governing body in 2015 as a foundation governor and currently serves as Vice-Chair. She has previously served on a number of committees and was formerly a governor at Great Binfield's School.

Cate is a member of the congregation at St Michael's Church.

She works for the Home Office in London as Chief Engineer on a major telecommunications programme. Cate is a Chartered Engineer and a Fellow of the Institution of Engineering and Technology (IET). She is passionate about the importance of STEM subjects for all children, particularly encouraging girls to engage with science and technology.

Cate was awarded an MBE in January 2025.

*Foundation governors mean they are appointed by the Church.*

**Class Certificates**

- Aubrey W
- Chester P
- Elsie B
- Thomas O
- Daniel C
- Katelyn T
- Indie W
- Saya R
- Saeeb U
- Gethin W
- Avery G

**Number Awards:**

**Bronze:** Adjoa H, Alexis D-G

**Silver:** Elsie T, Lexi B, Robyn B-B

**Platinum:** Freddie H

**Mathletics:**

**KS1:** Owen C

**KS2:** Parin V

**Mathletes of the week:**

Eliana I

**Attendance** 

Whole school attendance is currently at 96.8%. Our whole school target for the year is 97%.

**Diary Dates**

**INSET Days 2025–2026**

Friday 27th March 2026 (3)

- | 19/01/26 Individual School Photos
- | 21-23/01/26 Year 4 Stubbington Residential
- | **22/01/26 PGL Residential Parent Teams Meeting at 5pm**
- | 27/01/26 Year 1/2 Titanic Workshop
- | **05/02/26 Year R Post Box Walk**
- | 06/02/26 Guitar/Ukulele Performance at 9.30am in the school hall—parents of children learning these instruments can attend
- | 11/02-13/02/26 Year 6 Bikeability
- | 16/02—20/02/26 Half Term
- | **23/02/26 Parents Evening—3.40pm-5.30pm—more details to follow**
- | 25/02-02/03/26 Travelling Book Fair—3.20pm-4pm in the School Hall
- | **26/02/26 Bag2School**
- | **26/02/26 Parents Evening—3.40pm-7.00pm—more details to follow**
- | 05/03/26 School Disco
- | 09/03—13/03/26 Year 6 PGL Residential
- | **24/03/26 Easter Service @ 10am All Saints Church**
- | 27/03/26 INSET Day (3)

**Individual School Photographs—**

Tempest photography are booked in for Monday 19th January to take individual school photographs of the children. All children will have their photograph taken. Proofs will then be issued for you to look at and decide whether you would like to purchase. All children will also have a photo taken with their school aged siblings which again will be available for you to purchase. Please remember to send your child to school in their jumper/cardigan.



**Water Bottle**

Can you please ensure your child brings a named water bottle with them into school each day. This supports the children with their concentration and learning for the day.

***LETTER ALERT!***

Child	Title	Response?
Year 6	PGL, Liddington Kit List Letter/Medical Form	11th February

**Big Pictures** - Each term, at the beginning of a new theme, we aim to send you a 'Big Picture'. This term's will be sent later today. The Big Pictures aim to provide you with an overview of what your child will be learning this half term and ways to support your child at home. More detailed information can be found on our website on the curriculum pages [www.st-johnscofe.hants.sch.uk/curriculum/](http://www.st-johnscofe.hants.sch.uk/curriculum/)

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